Distinguished Citizens Assemble at the Theatre.

Diplomats, Jurists, and Statesmen Applaud the Graceful Oratory of

to the time when Websier was a rower in
the civil life of the American Republic. A
United States Senstor from the State in
which the great sintesman and orator was
Scores of incandescent lamps were break-

A NOTABLE GATHERING Adjutant General Dalton. Senator Chandler warmly greeted the visiting party, and introduced Senator Hear, who at that time had the

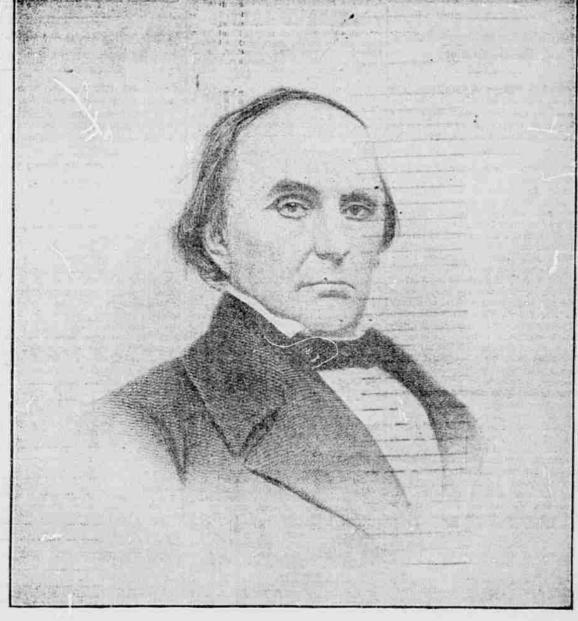
introduced Senator Hear, who at that time had just come upon the stage. While shaking hands all around, Mr. Chandler said, "Gentlemen great men Massachusetts is very much in evidence today."

Many members of the Diplomatic Corps were finding seats in the mezzanine boxes. Most of the emhassies and legators were represented. Justices of the Sapreno Court of the United States. United States Senators, and officials of the District of Columbia, and various officials of the ex-Senators Chandler and Lodge—Enthuslastic Greeting of President
Mckinley—Intense Dignity Prevails
Many tributes in rare speech were paid
to the memory of Raniel Webster yesterday
forenoon in the Lafayette Square Opera
House Men turned backward their
thoughts more than half a hundred years the left of the singe.

Columbia, and various officials of the exequity departments were coming upon the
siage, on which had been placed chairs for
the accommodation of about 150 persons.
Amens those who came early was Major
General Miles, Commanding the Army,
Ainsworth E. Spoffic, d. A. Silvent Librarian
of Congress; extered and took a seat well
back from the fore of the stage. John B.
Wight, John W. Eces, and Capt. Laning
H. Bench, Commissioners of the District
of Columbia, took seats far back and on
thoughts more than half a hundred years
the left of the singe.

United States Senator from the State in which the great statesman and crator was born dwelt upon the fame of the sage of Marshfield, and a Senator from the State which Mr. Webster represented in the United States Senate reviewed the chiratter of the man whose memory they revered. The erators spoke of the appropriateness of raising to Webster a statue in the capital of the country be loved and in the calt in which he rendered his most distinguished service. Nor did they fall to praise the patrictism of the son of the Granite State who gave the statue to the American poople.

The audience that filled the theatre was one which is rarely drawn together. Men who have earned distinction in many spherics of life were there. In the ranks of the black garbed men there was a graceful scattering of women. In the mericanie boxes and in the gallery which had been set apart to the use of those persons to whose special invitations were not sent, the percentage of women was large and their feathers, bonnets, and ribbons gave



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Hon, William E, Chandler, United States Senate:

MR. HUTCHINS' LETTER.

Dear Sir: The bronze statue of Daniel Webster, which has been erected upon the site designated by the Joint Senate and House Library Committee, is now ready for unveiling, the pedestal having been appropriately inscribed and the work completed.

I now desire, through you, to transfer to and vest in the United States of America full title to the statue, in the hope and belief that it will be found to be satisfactory, both as a work of art and of portraiture.

It gives me great satisfaction to be thus allowed to aid in some slight degree in perpetuating the name and fame of this great son of New Hampshire.

Very truly yours,

STILSON HUTCHINS.

Washington, January 8, 1900.

touches of bright color to the scene. There ceased playing, and scores of footsteps was great enthusiasm. It was of the grave, serious, and sincere kind rather at the right of the stage. Then, as Presitian of the riotous and volatile sort. Applause broke forth from the throng now bers of his Cabinet, emerged from behind and then. It was earnest and hearty. The the flies, the band burst forth with "Hail and then. It was carnest and hearly, the speeches delivered by Senator Chandler of to the Chief," and the spectators stood New Hampshire, Secretary Long, of Massachusetts, and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts contained not the suggestion of a stor Chandler, and was escorted to a big. slippant phrase. They did not bid for green leather arm chair, in front of the plaudits. There was an intense dignity in the occasion that is often lacking in ent public gatherings.

Little Room for More.

It is possible that the weather deterred many persons from attending who desired to be present, but despite the day, only a few more could have found seats in the theatre. Men stood throughout the ceremonies behind the last row of seats on the ground floor and in the side aisles. It was an ugly day. The clouds during Wednesday night and Thursday morning had given promise of rain. Mighty stretches of mist floated not high above the city, and this descended nearer and nearer to earth, till Washington was wrapped in grey vapor. The atmosphere was long at the point of saturation. A chill wind early in the morning blew out of the west, and slowly veered till it reached round to the northeast. Then a gentle drizzle set in and a downpour of rain was threatened. The drops fell faster and faster, until the groy streets were wetled into black, and long processions of boliolog, shifting umbrellas moved along the footways. Little puddles formed in expressions in the concrete, and the elec-tric cars carried little bones in their teeth as the wheels splashed the rainwater from the railgronves. The streets and avenues became slippery and sloppy. It seemed to few persons would brave the stand the ceremonies of any of the statue to not so,

few lights burned in the country to dispet the giner that there at 5 he a platom of police to achief of the country of the cou few lights burned in the to the entrance. A densit of Caputot po-lice also came upon the scene. They came a section of the Marine Band led by Walter Smith. Their scarlet coats blazed under their blue overcoats and capes. Entering the playhouse, they filed down the redcarpeted centre aisle to the orchestra. on the little incandescent lamps above the music racks, and began to tune,

The Participants Arrive. While the theatre was yet quite dark Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, chairman of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives on

could be heard beating on the bare boards foremost line of seats, near the centre of the stage, and to the right of the speak-ers' table. Secretary Long, who had been designated by President McKinley to accept the statue in behalf of the United States, took a seat on the extreme right of the stage, his side to the audience rectly behind the President sat Secretary Root and Postmaster General Smith. On the right of the Postmaster General sat Secretary Hitchcock and to his right sat Secretary Wilson. On the right of the Secretary of War sat Secretary Gage. To the left of the stage centre sat Chief Justice Fuller, and to his left sat Mr. Justice Harlan, and in the next chair to the left

sat Mr. Justice Gray. Secretary Hay sat on the left and Secretary Cage in about the centre of the

front line.

In the second line and behind the Cablnet and Justices of the Supreme Court
was the joint committee of Cangress on
the reception and unveiling of the statue.
Representative William C. Lovering of
Massachusetts, Chairman of the committer appointed by the Scarles of the Iller tee appointed by the Speaker of the House tee appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was on the right, and to his left were Schafor Auguston O. Ba-con and Representatives Robert G. Cous-ins, Frank G. Clarke, Amos J. Commings, and John Wesley Gaines. Senator Frye, President pro tempore of the Senate, had a place in this line. Among others on the a place in this line. Among others on the stage were Senator Hansbrough, Henry Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions: Major McDowell, Clerk of the House of Representatives: Assistant Secretary Al-len; Frederick H. Wines, Assistant Di-rector of the Census; Joseph L. Bristow, Fourth Assistant P. Stimaster General; Hopkins, Chief Clerk of the

Senator Scott, Senator Setor, Senator Kean, K. L. Senator Ross, Semilor Chara at Joseph Semator Resa, Semilor Chara at Joseph Semator Ross, Semator Platt of Company Colonel Bright, Sergeant at arms of the Fance, Mr. Porter, Secretary to the President, and Mr. Cortelyon, Assistant Secretary to the President. Mr. Butching occupied

When the music and applause incident to the estrance of the President has clied, away, and after a brief silence, Mr. Chan-

ence was satisfied.

Mr. Chandler announced that the Rev. Dr. Couden, Chaplain of the House of Rep-Dr. Couden, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, would pronounce the benefiction. After this, the andience, which during the progress of the ceremonies had grown into a great crowd, arose, the band began to play Santelmann's March, "Admiral Dewey," and then the excitement, usual upon the breaking up of a throng of people began. A lane through the crowd was made that the President his Cabinet, and the Justices of the Suprems Court might pass out.

Carriages were in waiting in Lafarette

Carriages were in waiting in Lafavette Place, and the President, his Cabinet, Jus-tices of the Supreme Court, Senators, members of Congress, the committee of ar-rangements on the part of Congress, and other invited guests were conveyed to the site of the statue

THE STATUE UNVEILED.

How the Final Ceremonies at Scott Circle Were Conducted.

Bad weather and the prospect of a hard rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the large crowd which gathered in the vicinity of Scott Circle and Massachusetts Avenue long before moon yesterday. The people were interested in the ceremony of unveiling of the statue, and determined to await the event in spite of the physical iscomforts. The sight of the huge, stient figure, completely shrouded in American flags, held the attention of the throng, and

right of the speaker's table while delivering the speech. This was followed by the commemoration address by Senator Lodge. When Mr. Lodge had concluded, great waves of applause swept through the house now rising to a great height, then dying aimost away, and gathering new energy rolling on, and on until Mr. Lodge was compelled to leave his chair, walk to the front of the stage and bow. Then the audicence was satisfied.

FARMERS AND THE CENSUS.

The Plans of the Bureau Seem to Be Generally Understood.

The special efforts which the Director of the Census is making to induce farmers to prepare statements of their operations can be appeared by the control of the stage and bow. Then the audicence was satisfied.



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are promptly answered, although their re

statements so received came from a summn who operates a farm in Pennsylvania was operates a farm in Pennsylvania on her own account. She must have kept books with precision, for the paper arrived aimost simultaneously with the new year. It shows not only the acreage, quantity, and value of each crop, but contains about a good inventory of live stock and a detailed account. and a detailed statement of the quantity and value of miscellaneous articles pro-ductsi. Director Merriam says that if very farmer in the country should imilate this Pennsylvania woman the agri-

FEROCITY OF THE BAGGARA.

Natives of the Soudan Past Masters

waited for the arrival of the distinguished party from the Lafayette Square Opera. House, The Prekidential party and the committee, in carriages, reached Scott Circle at 11:55. A raised rilation had been exceed for the Marine Band. Several markes were played as the party of honor approached the circle. The long line of verbicles formed a circle around the enclosure which contained the draped statue. Owing

President McKinley bared his head, his example being followed by the crowd. The band then played the National Hymn. The President spoke admiringly of the magnificent figure, remarking upon its beauty and artistic workmanship. After a close inspection of the pane's set into the same formulation and appreciated by those whom it was hoped to reach and are bearing good.

Some farmers have forwarded copies of statements to the Cenana Office, accompa-nied by enquiries as to their completeness and correctness. All such communications ceipt was not anticipated when the Di-rector began to urge the value of written secounts of farm operations for the census year 1899 as a means of strengthening the statistics of agriculture. The first and one of the best of the trial

cultural report of the Twelfth Census would be a marvel of completeness and accuracy and would also show the entire productive alrength of the United States.

the occupation of the Dongola province a camel corps patrol went out from Debba to the wells of Kofriat. These wells are very deep, and a long rope is requisite in order to obtain water. Close to the wells the patrol discovered the dead body of a Baggara warrior alongside his slaughtered horse. The man, a fugitive from Dongola, and tortured with thirst, had arrived at the wells. Finding no means of obtaining and tortured with thirst, had arrived at the wells. Finding no means of obtaining water, and accepting his fate, he had deliberately killed his horse, broken his saddle, cut his bridle to pieces, buried his weapons, and then calmiy laid himself down to die, satisfied that nothing of his would fall into his enemy's hands.

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tier raids was one Osman Agrak by name, who afterward met a well-mertited death at Omdurman. He was the ogre of the frontier, and enjoyed an almost supernatural reputation, combined with an uncanny habit of being killed and coming to life again. The inhabitants of Beris, which casts he raided, described him to the officer commanding the camel corps as a giant wight fore him and with one were the eight feet high and with one eye in the middle of his forehead.

JOAQUIN MILLER, EXPRESSMAN.

An Old Acquaintance Tells of His by General Henry when he was Military Early Experiences. (From the Indianapolis News.)

It was a casual conversation over a nonluncheon. "Yes," said Jamer I, Lodge, "I knew Joaquin Miller, the 'Poet of the Sierras,' as he delights to be called, when he ras, as he delights to be called, when he was about thirty years old. I was deputy United States surveyor at Walla Walla, then Washington Territory, in 1820. He was not Josquin them, but Henry. He was riding express from Walla Walla to Orofno, in the Nez Perces mining country. He rode on horseback, carried letters and wall surveyed. He rode on horseback, carried letters and small packages, and was as picturesque in person as a Spanish bandit. There was no hetter rider anywhere at that time. This little express line belonged to Miller & Mossman, and Miller was the solitary horseman, wearing his dark hair look, bright-eyed, alert, active in movement, and a great talker.

"He afterward came to be called eccentric. We called him a 'little flighty.' He submitted to considerable chaffing, never allowed his good nature to become ruffled. When The Question of Time Extension

Discussed With Mr. Root. elegation From the Island in Conference With the Secretary of

War-Ar Agricultural Bank Project and Free Trade Also Talked Over-This Country's Legal Hights.

The question of extending the time of foreclosing the mortgages held on Porto Rican property was taken up again yesterday by Secretary Root, who had a long conference with General Davis and a delegation of Porto Rican merchants. The mortgages amount to about \$18,000,000 in Porto Ricar currency, the bulk of which are drawing 9 per cent. The time granted Governor of Porto Rico expires at midnight Friday, and the Porto Ricans are desirous of having a decision reached before that

The question of whether this country has any legal right to interfere and extend the time has arisen, and the legal advisors of the War Department will probably be asked for an opinion on that subject.

The relegation of Porto Ricans who conferred with Secretary Root yesterday stated that what they wanted was not so much an extension of the time for foreclosing the extension of the time for the containing the mortgages as free trade with the United States. Even if the mortgages are extended they claim that when the time of tended they claim that when the time of extension again expires they will not be in any bett r position to pay than they are now, but, with free trade, they say that momey will pour into Porto Rico, and the people of the island will soon be able to pay off the indebtedness on their property. It is not believed that there will be

THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE PEDESTAL.

"LIBERTY AND UNION NOW AND FOREVER ONE AND INSEPARABLE."

N 16 16 DANIEL WEBSTER.

SOUTH FACE.

BORN AT SALISBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JANY, 13, 1782. DIED AT MARSHFIELD, MASS., OCT. 24, 1852.

NORTH FACE.

EXPOUNDER AND DEFEN DER OF THE CONSTITUTION.

WEST FACE.

"OUR COUNTRY, OUR WHOLE COUNTRY AND NOTHING BUT OUR COUNTRY."

> N 20 30 GIVEN BY STILSON HUTCHINS A NATIVE OF N. H.

DEDICATED JANY. 18, 1900.

The next I heard of him Miller had turned they are finally due it is believed that up in London and was the lion of the aristocratic drawing rooms of that city, where to pay off the principal, he appeared in the wild attire of a Western

A TOWN WITH TWO PERSONS.

The Editor and the Postmaster It Population. (From the Abilene, Kan, Reflector.) "I had an experience once in running a

town in 1883, and missers flocked in there by the hundreds on account of a strike. Claims were gabled up like hot cakes. Claims were gabled up like hot cakes. Under the minig law, after \$500 worth of work is done on a claim it is necessary to insert a legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation for a period of three months. My father held an office in San Juan County, and while out visiting him I saw an opportunity to lease a newspaper plant and make a lot of money running legal notices. I did so. For asyeral months i did a land office business. It was a thriving little town.

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'The business of the fown enabled the postmaster to make about \$1,500 a year. A few months before there was to be another readjustment of the postmaster's salary things began to drag at Congress. The mines were not panning out well. There was a 'strike' made at Telluride, and all of the initiers picked up and went to that place. They were followed by the merchaets, asleon men, gamblers, dance halt people and all. Within a week there was no one left there, but the postmaster, James Edwards, and myself. Edwards did not care to give up his pestoffice as long as it paid so well. He was from Ohio.

'I was tied up with a lot of legal publications. I was certain to get my money

cations. I was certain to get my money for the notices as seen as they had run the required length of time, so I could not leave. We had everything our own way, I selections. He is a sport by nature if not by would het him you his particular. would help him run his postoffice and he would help me write hot stoff, set it up, and pull the lever of an old Washington hand press. The postoffice business was confined almost wholly to handling the circulation of my paper, "The Red Mountain Pilot"—about fifty copies.

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his little express route began to develop it many foreclosures, even if the time is not

CHARACTER IN HATS.

Pointers for People Who Want to Study Mankind, (From the Hatter's Gazette.)

Show me how a man wears his hat, and wil, tell you what manner of man he is. Notice yourself how he wears his head-"I had an experience once in running a newspaper which has never been dupil-cated by any other man in the world," said C. H. Paitison. "For three months I ran a weekly paper in a town with two inhabitants—the postunater and myself. It was in Congress, Col. That was a boom mining in Congress, Col. That was a boom mining town in 1882, and miners flocked in there by the hundreds on account of a strike, a methodical and a comfortable man with a rare endowment of common sense. He

Chinese Progress.

(From the Chicago Chronicle.) It is evident that we must revise the standard conception of China as a backward ration when we are confronted with the speciacle of Min-ister Wu, representative of the Chinasa Empire-at Washington, whyling up Primavivania Avenu-in a horseless carriage. We may none expect to Genate and House of Representatives on the reception of the statue, arrived. Soon after came Chief Justice Failer. After greenings between him and Senator che statue. Three times was a brief lull in the some time. There was a brief lull in the same time. The close of the clos

